

## **Report to Partnership Meeting 4 September 2015**

### **RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY**

#### **ScotRail in the Community – SITCOM**

##### **Rail Stakeholder Relations**

###### **Purpose of Report**

This report provides Members with information on ScotRail's community engagement programme and proposes a change to HITRANS Rail Stakeholder arrangements.

###### **Current position**

HITRANS runs three tiers of Rail Forums.

The Rail Advisory Group (RAG) is the working group consisting of representatives from HITRANS, Network Rail, ScotRail, Passenger Focus, Transport Scotland and local authority transport officers. The Group meets 2-3 times per year and directly informs HITRANS policy and workstreams.

The Rail Stakeholder Group (RSG) acts as the umbrella group for wider industry, public sector, voluntary and heritage interests and features formal presentations from leading industry figures in a conference style format.

The Rail Users Group (RUG) covers the voluntary rail user groups for the rural North Highland and West Highland Lines. Chaired by Robert Samson of Passenger Focus, this forum enables the views of the members of the groups to engage with HITRANS in twice yearly meetings. Their views are then taken by Passenger Focus to the Rail Advisory Group.

###### **Abellio ScotRail**

As part of SITCOM, ScotRail in the Community, the new franchise has Committed Obligations on the Deal Campaign (volunteers), Community Liaison Executives (Clives) and Tourism Ambassadors. Currently one Clive post has been filled, with one vacant. In addition the Abellio Stakeholder Advisory Group may include CRP representation

It is proposed to widen the RUG to incorporate the Highland Main Line Community Rail Partnership (CRP) and the West Highland CRP, as well as the Clives. HITRANS has declined a seat on the CRP Boards for these routes but will act as an observer, as has Tactran.

ScotRail are in the process of creating a Stakeholder Advisory Panel which will have an advisory role to ScotRail on planning, performance and development work. This group is likely to meet twice per annum.

## Recommendation

1. Members are asked to note the report and consider the changes to HITRANS Rail Stakeholder arrangements.

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Comment</b>
RTS delivery	√	This project fits well with a number of RTS Horizontal themes.
Policy	√	This project has integration and environmental benefits.
Financial	√	This project is fully funded
Equality	-	No impact on equalities issues.

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